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COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops at Apetlon and Kaisersteinbruch

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

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25X1 Apetlon.

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- At about 8:30 p.m. on 25 July 1951, a unit of about 70 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with 7 trucks and 4 artillery pieces was detained at the Wallern (P 48/K 84) railroad station. Two of the trucks [REDACTED] According to railroadmen, the train had come from Hungary. Railroadmen further stated that a small unit departed from Wallern during the night of 25 July. *
- Practice firing was conducted infrequently at Apetlon (P 48/X 74) between 20 and 25 July 1951. The frames which were observed during practice firing on 19 July were about 2 meters high, 1.5 meters wide, and were set up about 50 meters apart. The trajectory of the shells passed through these frames. Repair work on the roads leading to Camp Apetlon (P 48/X 74) continued.

25X1 Kaisersteinbruch.25X1
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- On 23 July, troops were engaged in practice firing in the training area southeast of Kaisersteinbruch (O 49/X 67). Gunfire was heard. An SU-100 SP gun, manned by six soldiers who carried field-equipment and wore red-bordered black epaulets, was seen en route from Sommerein (P 48/X 67) to Kaisersteinbruch. Thirty-four trucks were parked in the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets and 15 to 20 horses were seen near the trucks. The artillery pieces previously observed there were no longer seen. Motor vehicles seen entering or leaving the cantonment included trucks [REDACTED] 25X1 and trucks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. ** Numerous officers entered or left the cantonment west of Kaisersteinbruch, on the south side of the road to Sommerein. Specifically, there were 22 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 2 colonels; 15 officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, including 1 lieutenant colonel; and 4 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 1 major. Fresh imprints of caterpillar tracks led past the cantonment toward Sommerein and turned off into the woods south of the road about 1 km outside Sommerein.

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Comment. Though having to date been carried as belonging to the 2d Gds Mecz Div, the [REDACTED] actually belong to the

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